

TO: Kourunnin Airfield

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1. [ ] on 21 May 1952, 19 type-29 and MiG-15 aircraft, 1 Yak-11 and 2 U-2s were observed at Kourunnin airfield. There was no flying. On 22 May, two U-2s were seen aloft. [ ] on 26 May, 20 MiG-15 and type-29 planes, 3 Yak-11s and 1 U-2 were counted. [ ] one Yak-11 practiced instrument approaches. The cloud ceiling was rather low. [ ] two MiG-15s took off, disappeared in the clouds and landed again after 12 and 15 minutes respectively. Otherwise, there was no flying by MiG-15s.

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2. While previously only the aircraft of the alert flight were observed at the field and the MiG-15s parked in front of the hangars were covered with tarpaulins, nine MiG-15s not covered with tarpaulins were continuously seen in front of the hangars after 26 May even after flying had been discontinued at the field. Similarly, while previously the tank trucks and other vehicles left the landing field after flying activity ended, one tank truck and one large sedan were continuously seen near the nine MiG-15s mentioned above after 26 May. It appeared that aircraft other than those assigned to the alert flight were kept ready for immediate employment. [ ]

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3. On 27 May, 16 MiG-15s and type-29 planes, 1 Yak-11 and 4 U-2s were observed at the field. [ ] one Yak-11 and one U-2 made local flights. [ ] two groups of two MiG-15s each practiced formation flying and individual MiG-15s also practiced take-offs and landings. [ ] In the afternoon of 28 May, 15 MiG-15s and type-29 planes were observed at the field. Visibility was rather poor. [ ] one Yak-11 took off and disappeared in the clouds. Otherwise, no flying was observed on this day.

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4. On 22 May, four railroad tank cars arrived at the field. On 27 May, three railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track of the field. On 28 May, these cars had left. [ ] On 26 May, there was no change in the status of the radio installation near Nietwerde. No antenna was observed. The aircraft crates previously reported were again seen in a hangar. [ ]

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5. On 6 June 1952, [ ] a commission consisting of several generals had inspected the airfield on 30 May, one day sooner than expected.

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25X1 6. [redacted] on 12 June, there was flying by four U-2s, three of which practiced formation flying. [redacted] on 13 June, 25X1  
 25X1 MiG-15s made 30-minute flights. There was a 5/10 overcast. [redacted] on 25X1  
 15 June, six MiG-15s which were not covered with tarpaulins, were observed at the eastern end of the runway, 14 MiG-15s near the hangars, and 4 single engine planes near the flight control station. [redacted] on 16 25X1  
 June, three U-2s practiced formation flying, while another U-2 flew individually. The three U-2s landed in a row, about 100 meters apart. [redacted] 25X1  
 six MiG-15s not covered with tarpaulins were observed at the eastern end of the runway. [redacted] two of them [redacted] were towed by 25X1  
 25X1 tractors to the filling station. [redacted] fourteen MiG-15s, 25X1  
 12 of them not covered with tarpaulins, were seen near the hangars. The arrangement of the parked planes was being changed. Four single-engine planes were parked near the flight control station. [redacted] one single-engine, high- 25X1  
 25X1 wing monoplane landed and was parked near the flight control station. Flying by MiG-15s began [redacted]  
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7. The telephone line, work on which was reported previously, had been extended beyond the Altruppin-Krangen Highway. It crossed the highway 250 to 300 meters south of the road fork near Neuenhede, running east along a depression into a straight narrow clearing in Birkenheide Heath.

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25X1 [redacted] comments.  
 (1) The observations [redacted] after 26 June, must not necessarily be interpreted as an indication of an increased readiness for employment. The fact that more aircraft than usual were not covered with tarpaulins may be explained by favorable weather and increased flying activity.  
 (2) This information cannot yet be checked against reports received from the Central Railroad Tank Car Distribution Point.  
 (3) On 10 April, [redacted] eight crates for jet aircraft in a hangar of the field. [redacted].

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25X1 It is believed that the 19 MiG-15s brought the number of MiG-15 aircraft available at this field to about 30. As only about 20 aircraft have been observed at the field so far, there is reason to believe that the eight crates seen in a hangar contained aircraft.

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